

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-27.

28. (Original) A method of printing using a print device, the print device comprising one or more consumables, each consumable comprising a process surface and each consumable enclosed in a protective housing having an exposure gap, the method comprising:

designating a region of the process surface as a non-use zone;
avoiding the transfer of image information to the non-use zone during periods of printing; and
positioning the non-use zone at an exposure gap during periods of nonprinting.

29. (Original) The method as recited in claim 28, further comprising:
designating a region of the process surface as an image zone; and
controlling the process surface to facilitate the transfer of image information to and from the image zone during periods of printing.

30. (Original) Computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions for performing the method as recited in claim 28.

31. (Original) A method for protecting a consumable component of a printing device, and the consumable component encased within a protective housing having an exposure gap, the method comprising:

defining a region of the consumable component as a non-use zone;
positioning the non-use zone at the exposure gap during periods of nonprinting.

32. (Original) The method as recited in claim 31 further comprising:
avoiding the transfer of image information to the non-use zone during periods of printing.

33. (Original) The method as recited in claim 31, further comprising:
defining a region of the consumable component as an image zone; and
during periods of printing,
transferring image information to and from the image zone; and
avoiding the transfer of image information to the non-use zone.

34. (Original) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the consumable component is an intermediate transfer belt, the method further comprising:
defining a region of the intermediate transfer belt as an image zone; and
exposing the image zone to a print medium through the exposure gap during periods of printing.

35. (Original) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the consumable component is a photoconductor, the method further comprising:
defining a region of the photoconductor as an image zone; and
exposing the image zone to a print medium through the exposure gap during periods of printing.

36. (Original) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein the consumable component is a photoconductor, the method further comprising:
defining a region of the photoconductor as an image zone; and
forming an image on the image zone by exposing the image zone to a photoelectric imaging process and dusting the image zone with the toner through the exposure gap.

37. (Original) Computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions for performing the method as recited in claim 31.